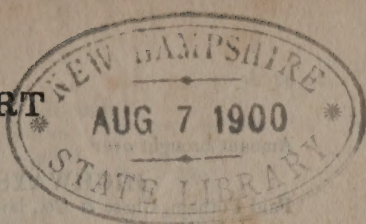


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REPORT

OF THE



Selectmen of the Town of Amherst,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 4, 1862.

THE TOWN OF AMHERST IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECTMEN.

CR.—By amount in treasury, on settlement Mar. 1861	\$311 54
“ amount of Taxes assessed	4809 47
“ Tax on Railroad Shares	153 45
“ Literary Fund	90 60
“ Money hired	1060 60
“ Principal and interest on note	415 82
“ Cash received of County of Hillsborough	207 82
“ “ “ Town of New-Boston	12 00
“ “ “ Town of Greenfield	13 59
“ “ “ C. C. Danforth for grave lots	12 00
“ Stock and Produce sold from Farm	689 64
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	\$7775 93

DR.—To Cash paid out as follows :

State Tax	\$339 50
County Tax	648 55

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1, G. Walker	461 78	Amount bro't up	1022 11
“ “ 2, W. Rhodes	90 27	No. 8, W. A. Mack	70 65
“ “ 3, C. H. Shepard	118 74	“ 9, T. M. Harvell	82 38
“ “ 4, C. C. Twiss	85 25	“ 10, J. D. Brown	22 85
“ “ 5, D. A. Warner	95 13	“ 11, H. Russell	14 51
“ “ 6, E. S. Gutterson	74 39	“ 12, R. H. Center	13 08
“ “ 7, F. Mace	96 55	“ 13, S. M. Swett	17 49
	<hr/>	“ 14, R. Howard	74 34
	\$1022 11		<hr/>
Paid No. 1 School House Tax			1317 41
“ “ 12 “ “ “		400 00	
		16 69	416 69
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			\$2722 15

Amount brought over

\$2722 15

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Putnam, Chase & Co., land damage,	\$6 00
" J. Colburn " "	1 00
" G. W. Came " "	1 00
" G. W. Burns " "	1 00—9 00
" D. Sargent, for Building New Road,	25 38
" J. Ryan " " "	9 17
" J. Sullivan " " "	6 45
" Miles Lovejoy " " "	10 00—51 00
" J. Hadlock for Repairs of Highways,	19 75
" A. Hartwell " "	8 49
" T. J. Clark " "	4 00
" P. P. Burns " Bridge	2 50
" T. Hartshorn, old bill,	3 38
" G. F. Stevens for powder	1 73
Paid T. B. Parker " Highway	5 17
" S. Prince, jr. " "	14 00
" B. B. Whiting " "	4 60
" J. Mace " "	1 50
" Hapgood & Abbott for spikes and nails for bridge	2 53
" S. Prince, jr. for plank and stringers for bridges	12 70
" Non-Resident Highway Receipts	42 79
" A. F. Sawyer, repairs of stone tools,	1 71—124 85

EXPENSE OF BRIDGE NEAR PAUPER FARM.

Paid J. C. Briggs, labor and iron work,	\$24 61
" L. Towne, lumber,	1 84
" I. M'Keen, labor,	7 50
" J. Knight "	9 00
" G. W. Davis,	2 38
" J. Knight, articles furnished and horse hire	5 25
" Hapgood & Abbott, for nails,	1 96—52 54

SNOW BILLS.

Spring of 1861.		Brought up	
M. Merrill, '61	5 11	Spring of 1861.	86 71
A. Hartwell	1 75	G. E. Heath	5 50
T. Patch	7 68	L. Staples	2 00
B. Melendy	5 00	J. Upton	4 00
D. Phelps	2 00	R. Howard	4 50
J. M. McConihe	5 50	G. Kinson	3 00
P. P. Burns	11 86	S. Wilkins	5 50
M. Early and J. Miley	3 00	F. A. Noyes	1 00
H. Plummer	10 25	A. B. Woodward	6 00
C. C. Twiss	3 50	M. Spalding	1 32
J. W. Pillsbury	6 57	A. A. Flint	2 80
J. Ober	16 50	D. Fisk, old bill	1 50
Winter of 1861-2.		Winter of 1861-2.	
J. Mace	6 78	C. C. Twiss	6 25
S. Prince Jr.	1 21	R. Hutchinson	6 71
	86 71		136 79

\$3096 33

Amount brought up

\$3096 33

[SNOW BILLS CONTINUED.]

J. Hadlock	8 22	Brought up	131 42
W. Melendy	8 98	J. F. Osgood	1 50
B. Melendy	10 65	T. J. Clark	3 00
E. S. Gutterson	6 84	M. Lovejoy	44
E. Thomas	2 05	A. Steele	12 46
J. M. Prince	21 63	J. B. Upham	19 49
J. G. Haseltine	7 90	F. Hartshorn	12 65
S. Gage	19 46	T. M. Harvell	17 76
T. M. Parker	17 55	F. W. Holbrook	10 56
A. Hartwell	9 19	W. J. D. Burt	15 71
I. Combs	7 70	B. B. Whiting	7 88
F. C. Bills	5 00	T. Patch	14 80
F. M. Hills	3 75	A. Jaquith Jr.	4 00
L. J. Secombe	2 50	G. Walker	4 20
	131 42		253 87—255 87

EXPENSES OF PAUPERS NOT ON FARM.

Paid Town of Gilsum expenses of widow Ellis	9 30
" Expense of journey to Gilsum	6 55
" City of Nashua expense of Mrs. Lyons and child	4 28
" Rent and assistance to Mrs. E. G. Hardy	13 93
" Assistance to L. Stiles	3 00
" " M. Hartshorn	1 00
" W. J. Weston as Overseer	4 50
" C. Richardson	5 75—48 30
" For County Paupers	92 07

EXPENSE OF PAUPER FARM.

Paid George F. Stevens, Store Bill	155 76
" " " Grass seeds, nails, &c.	22 51
" S. Spalding, Store Bill	92 07
" Barr & Co., Churn, haying tools, grindstone, &c.	10 16
" Andrew F. Sawyer, Blacksmith bill	9 15
" J. F. Osgood " "	4 25
" George Walker " "	86
" John Follansbee meat bill	50 58
" S. N. Stevens " "	9 20
" J. Cochran shoe bill	11 00
" Putnam, Chase, & Co., lime, trucks &c. for doors	3 05
" For Fresh Fish	4 48
" " Baker's Bread	7 63
" H. A. Clark running part of ox-wagon	60 00
" J. G. Pedrick, wheelwright work	26 45
" J. F. Osgood, to ironing ox-wagon in part	10 50
" T. M. King, blacksmithing about gig wagon	21 50
" Henry A. Nichols, painting wagon	8 00
" D. A. Warner, use of wagon	2 50
" G. W. Averill, pasturing cattle	30 03
" Rufus Calef, wool carding, and manufact'ng cloth	16 91—556 59

\$1049 16

Amount brought over	\$1049 16
" S. Adams, one grain cleaner	2 75
" L. Baldwin, sawing lumber	5 03
" Miles Lovejoy, do.	32
" J. Knight, planing and matching boards	2 93
" L. Towne, for lumber	2 28
" E. Goodwin, repairing pump pipe, &c.	1 25
" Kidder & Whitney, bow pins, &c.	81
" E. D. Boylston, for Cabinet and blank-book	2 25
" Dr. G. W. Moor, medical attendance	3 75
" Dr. F. P. Fitch, " "	2 55
" D. M. Farley, for six young cattle	92 00
" D. W. Blunt, for heifer	18 00
" J. Dow, for bull,	15 00
" J. B. Upham, difference in cattle	15 00
" E. Colby, for two pigs	5 00
" L. Towne, for one buck	5 00
" Frank Hartshorn, for lumber,	96—174 88
" Martin P. Weston, 10 1-2 months' labor on farm	151 00
" Luther Weston, labor haying	10 00
" Miles Lovejoy, " "	15 25
" J. Cochran, " "	6 20
" M. Keegun, threshing and harvesting	17 00
" E. Egan, labor on farm	21 00
" J. Barrett, haying	5 00
" Michael Early, digging mud	4 50
" J. Fletcher, services about stock	1 50
" A. P. Shepherd, labor on buildings	16 75
" J. Severns, for grass	5 00
" G. Sloan, for express	25
" John F. Whiting, for meal	4 50
" D. A. Warner, services of self and wife as Super- intendent	300 00
" W. J. Weston, Overseer of Pauper Farm	2 00
" Chas. Richardson " " "	2 00
" Jona. Knight, " " "	2 00—563 95

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid Charles C. Danforth interest on note	13 50
" Horace A. Clark " " "	6 36
" Susan Campbell " " "	24 00
" Perley Dodge Principal and Interest	323 40
" B. B. Whiting " " "	286 91
" E. W. Stearns " " " on note	39 00
" William J. Weston Interest on note	76 65
" Benjamin Hollis " " "	18 00
" Rodney Howard " " "	6 00
" Isaac Parker " " "	13 84
" Alma E. Winchester " " "	24 46
" Daniel Ferrell " " "	96 00
" Abel T. Rideout " " "	16 50—944 62

\$5732 61

Amount brought up

\$5732 61

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. A. Brown, labor, oil, &c., furnished for Engine	15 38
" Geo. W. George, taking care of Engine, &c.,	6 00
" Charles H. David, rent for engine-room and Town Hall for monthly meetings	11 00
" Daniel Hartshorn, repairs on old Engine and labor on Hook and Ladder House	7 00—39 38

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid L. Coggin, Melendy & David, and Jotham Hartshorn for watering places	9 00
" J. Mace, H. A. Clark and G. Walker for services as com. in locating school house	13 50
" C. C. Danforth for labor, timber, &c., for grave yard	10 20
" Policy on pauper farm build's, assm'ts, &c.	12 05
" Enoch Farley, money refunded in sale of wood lot (error)	4 00
" C. H. David, cleaning Town Hall	1 00
" James Monroe damage to horse and carriage from defect in road	13 50
" L. Bissell, painting guide boards, & putty	1 16
" Survey and stone monuments between Amherst and New Boston	2 00
" do. do. between " " Merrimack	1 38—67 79
" Copy of Laws from Secretary of State	1 00
" N. P. Greene & Co., 2 Tax Record Books	16 00
" " " compiled stat. & pamph. laws	5 75
" " " stationery	3 31
" G. F. Stevens, Town Clerk's Rec'd Book	7 50
" " " rec'd births, marriages, & deaths	3 60
" H. E. Abbott, rent of Selectmen's office	14 00
" H. A. Nichols, signs	1 25
" Wood for selectmen's office	2 20
" P. Dodge, legal advice	3 00
" E. D. Boylston, print. town & school reports	22 00
" " " advertising & blanks furnished	4 50
" Abatement of taxes to collector 1860	5 02
" " " " 1861	24 10
" " of pauper farm tax	35 43
" Bruce & Tyler's store bill 1860	7 45
" S. N. Stevens' meat bill	26 55
" I. Fuller for 3 yr. old steer	30 00
" W. B. Peacock bill for threshing	15 75
" Gilbert Hills use of jack & screws	5 00
" J. A. Powers & Co., stoves, &c.	10 67—244 08

Amount paid soldiers and families exclusive of what has been received of the State

1066 84

\$7150 70

Amount brought over

\$7150 70

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Paid William J. Weston	Selectman	63 62
" Charles Richardson	"	68 00
" Jonathan Knight	"	45 50
" George F. Stevens	Town Clerk	30 00
" Daniel Fletcher	Collector	60 00
" Jonathan Knight	Treasurer	15 00
" Superintending School Committee		48 00—330 12

\$7480 82

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of Cr.	\$7775 93
" " Dr.	7480 82
	<u>\$295 11</u>

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same fully vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM A. MACK, } AUDITORS.



APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ON FARM FEB. 25, '62.

1 Horse \$100 ; 2 prs. Oxen 200 ; 14 Cows 350	650 00
2 3yrs-old Heifers 36 ; 5 2yrs-old Steers 70	106 00
5 1yr-old Steers 45 ; 1 yearling Bull 18 ; 26 Sheep 110	173 00
8 Shoats 60 ; Poultry 10	70 00
18 tons Eng. Hay 216 ; 13 tons Meadow Hay 65	281 00
Lot Corn Fodder 15 ; Straw 15	30 00
120 bush. Corn 100 ; 50 bush. Rye 47 ; 20 bush. Barley 11	158 00
75 bush. Oats 33 ; 10 bush. Beans 20 ; 4 bush. Peas 8	61 00
12 bush. Wheat 18 ; 225 bush. Patatoes 56 ; 16 do. Turnips 4	78 00
Lot other vegetables 2 ; 450 lbs. salt Pork 45 ; 200 lbs. Ham 16	63 00
280 lbs. Beef 14 ; 35 lbs. Butter 7 ; 65 lbs. Cheese 6.50	27 50
100 lbs. Lard 11 ; 2 bbls. Soap 8 ; 1-4 bbl. Vinegar 1	20 00
2 bush. Salt .75 ; Groceries 10 ; 6 bush. Meal 6 ;	16 75
11-2 bbl. Flour 3.25 ; 49 yards of Cloth 44.65	47 90
2 1-2 lbs. Yarn 2.50 ; 14 lbs. Rolls 8 ; Tallow and Suet 5	15 50
Soap Grease 8 ; 12 bush. ashes 2 ; Lumber 25 ; Brick 10	40 00

\$1837 65

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN OF THE EXPENSE OF VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING THE YEAR.

The Committee authorized to disburse money raised by town to soldiers and their families made a report to a meeting called for that and other purposes, on the 10th day of October, from which we make the following extract :

Received of the Town of Amherst,	\$900 00
“ of the State of N. H. for former bills paid	92 21
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They also charge for paying the following sums :

Paid for Revolvers and incidentals	\$240 90
“ extra pay voted to soldiers	397 72
“ for support of families of volunteers	73 00—715 62
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Balance	\$280 59
Oct. 10th, 1861, the Selectmen received the foregoing sum of the Committee	280 59
Jan. 28th, 1852, received of the Treasurer	100 00
March 1st, 1862, “ “ “	66 84
	<hr/> \$447 43

Paid the following sums :

Oct. 15, 1861, paid Joseph F. Cady extra pay for 2 months and 18 days	18 00
Paid families of volunteers agreeably to act of July 4th, up to March 1st, 1862	414 43
For services paying families, &c.	15 00
	<hr/> \$447 43

Of the foregoing amounts paid by committee and selectmen for the relief of families, the State by act of July 4th are bound to refund to the Town the sum of

\$474 43

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY.

Amount of Liquor on hand March 1, 1851,	\$125 60
“ bought during the past year,	321 91
“ sold the past year,	356 21
“ on hand March 1, 1862,	162 22

JOHN F. WHITING, TOWN AGENT.

EXPENSE OF SUPPORTING THE PAUPERS.

Stock and Provisions as per last report	\$2302 45
Amount of Expenses	1295 42—3597 87
Stock and Provisions on hand	\$1837 75
Sold from Farm as follows: Cattle \$329 ; Calves 46 25 ; Swine 103 63 ; Sheep 23 50 ; Milk 46 30 ; Wood 88 87 ; rec'd for pasturing sheep 6 37 ; received for other products 45 72—total	689 64
Received for transient persons 64 67 ; due from County on transient persons 4 00 ; supplies furnished different persons and horse to Gilsum 14 31 ; due for board of M. Hartshorn and Viola Johnson 39 25 ; received for board of Mrs. Dane 12 00 ; making Milford road 89 54 ; snow bill and work on bridge 21 09—total	244 86
Add for expense of wagons	126 45—2898 70
Balance against the Farm	\$699 17
Amount of Notes against the Town about	\$7000 00
Amount in Treasury 295 11 ; Notes due the town 88 44 ; due from County 15 38 ; money paid to soldiers due from State 474 43 ; due for board of persons at Pauper Farm 39 25—total	\$910 61

In closing this report, the overseers would say that we adopted the plan of apprising the property at the farm at or near its cash value, which with the decline in prices, at the present time, reduces the amount of appraisal from last year \$464 80. Still we believe there is more value in the farm now than the year previous. There has been a large quantity of mud dug from the farm the past year, which will be found valuable for present or future use. These things should be taken into account in estimating the cost of supporting the paupers on the farm. It will be perceived that bills to the amount of \$95 42 contracted for the benefit of the farm in 1860, have been presented and paid the present year. This is not as it should be. The Superintendent *should* collect and *seasonably* present for allowance all bills contracted during the year, that each year may bear its expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. WESTON,	} SELECTMEN
CHARLES RICHARDSON,	
JONATHAN KNIGHT,	
	OF
	AMHERST.

